

Twenty-Nineth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2025

St. Michael's Spalding—St. Theresa's, Ericson—Sacred Heart, Greeley

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

Oct 26: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
Psalms 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Don't Let Go - Pray Persistently!

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

In today's first reading from Exodus, we see that the Israelites are under attack. And as they try to defend themselves, Moses is praying on a hilltop. His hands are held high and he's looking up towards heaven. As long as Moses keeps his arms up in constant prayer, the Israelites are safe; but when he lowers them, the enemy gains ground. The message is simple: Keep praying! *Don't let go!*

In the movie, *Gravity*, Sandra Bullock stars as a young astronaut. George Clooney is her commander, a veteran astronaut. Disaster strikes while they're investigating the Hubble Space Telescope. Their space shuttle is destroyed, they lose contact with the world and they start floating hopelessly into space. It's a frightening thought. The film is set in outer space, but the real story is about the inner life of this young woman. Her drifting through space serves as a metaphor for human life, for so many people today do seem to be drifting aimlessly through life. At one point, she thinks she's going to die. She cannot contact mission control, but keeps talking into her microphone anyway, asking, 'Who'll pray for my soul? Will you say a prayer for me? I'd say one myself, but I've never been taught how to'. She discovers that we all need a faith and hope that's grounded in solid truth, a truth that exists beyond us. And she learns that prayer is our only real lifeline to that truth and hope. This point explains the film's tagline: *Don't Let Go*.

Like Sandra Bullock's character in *Gravity*, there are times when we all feel we've been cast adrift. Being cast adrift can be a scary experience. We feel lost, fearful and uncertain of where we're going. That's why Jesus in today's Gospel reminds us of the source of our hope. Pray constantly, he says. Never lose heart. *Don't let go!*

Fr. Lawrence

MASS INTENTIONS				
SAT	10/18	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Art & Leona Divis, Lyle Divis
SUN	10/19	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† John Bauer
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Pat & Mickey Scott
		11:00 a.m.	ST. THERESA'S	† PEOPLE OF PARISH
MON	10/20	8:00 a.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	† Joseph C. Walkowiak.
		5:30 p.m.	SACRED HEART	† Allie Mueller
TUE	10/21	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	Communion Service
WED	10/22	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	Communion Service
THU	10/23	5:00 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	Sr. Mary Citlali
FRI	10/24	8:00 a.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	Communion Service
SAT	10/25	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Francis Berger
SUN	10/26	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Ralph 'Bud' Brown
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	PEOPLE OF PARISH
		11:00 a.m.	ST. THERESA'S	† Mary Kusek

REST IN PEACE Our condolences and prayers to the families of Martha Kluthe, buried at Mt Hope Cemetery, Scotia and Mick Davey buried from Sacred Heart. May they rest in peace.

Congratulations to SM Confirmand: Parker Buhlmann, Lawrence Diessner, Adam Glaser, Grace Mahony, Carter Molt, Autumn Murphy, Jaylynn Murphy, Haylee Ray, Addyson Seamann, Matthias Seamann, & Kaleb Tenski. They will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. Lord open their hearts to the Holy Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them. Welcome Bishop Hanefeldt to St. Michael's!

COMMUNION SERVICES

SM at 8:00 a.m.
SH at 9:00 a.m.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention of the Month:

For collaboration between different religious traditions Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

World Mission Sunday, today

October 19. Extra envelopes in the back of church.

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday 12:00 noon.

Please email information to both SM and SH. Email addresses on front of bulletin.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	MONTHLY
St. Michael's Church	First Friday, 24hr, 9:00 a.m. All other Fridays 9:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Chapel	First Tuesday, 24 hr., 9:00 a.m.
St. Theresa's	Last Sunday of month for Vocations, 10:30 a.m.

ST. MICHAEL'S	SACRED HEART	ST. THERESA'S
LECTOR Oct 25: Catholic Daughters Oct 26: Duane Seamann EMHC Oct 25: Catholic Daughters Oct 26: Lee & Tammy Diessner HOSPITALITY MINISTERS Oct 25: Catholic Daughters Oct 26: Tom Asche, Sharon Bauer ALTAR SERVERS Oct 25: Landyn, Khyler, & Bryant Carraher Oct 26: Mike Mahony Family MUSIC MINISTRY Oct 25/26: Dan SM CDA Rosary, Thursdays, before Mass, 4:30 in the chapel.	LECTOR Oct 26: Larry Wood EMHC Oct 26: Susie Lammers, Mike Wood, Matt Pfeifer HOSPITALITY MINISTERS Oct 26: DW Holley Family ALTAR SERVERS Oct 26: Kain & Andrea Wood, Krstyn Cargill ROSARY Oct 26: Cathy Hansen SACRISTAN Oct 26: Cathy Hansen COLLECTION COUNTERS Oct 26: Tom & Jackie	LECTOR Oct 26: Leslie Scott EMHC Oct 26: Helen Plugge, Julie Landgren HOSPITALITY MINISTERS Oct 26: Jake & Shelby Kasselder MUSIC MINISTRY Oct 26: Matt & Linda CHURCH CLEANING Oct: Sherry Smith, Sandy Miller, Ranotta Nordhues PRAYER CHAIN Call: Helen Plugge, Sue Patrick ROSARY For Vocations—Sundays 10:30 a.m. prior to Mass Thursday morning Communion Service 9:00 a.m. followed by Rosary and Adoration.
THE LORD'S PORTION October 12 Envelopes \$ 1,630 ACH/online \$ 125 Plate \$ 565 Weekly total \$ 2,320 Total July 1st to date \$ 64,478	THE LORD'S PORTION October 12 Envelopes \$ 1,414 ACH/online \$ 0 Plate \$ 374 Weekly total \$ 1,788 Total July 1st to date \$ 38,707	THE LORD'S PORTION October 12 Envelopes \$ 1,130 Plate \$ 180 Weekly total \$ 1,310 Total July 1st to date \$ 17,153

“...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient...”
2 TIMOTHY 4:2



October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

SM Fall Drive Total to date: \$18,450

Donors: 11

Knights of Columbus Council #13584 Members ~

There will be three webinars coming up offered by KC insurance. First webinar discusses maximizing your living benefits Oct. 27, starting at 8pm EST. Second & Third webinars are free financial webinars, Smart Steps to Take Now for Your Retirement, Nov. 5, 2025, 7-7:30 ET & Nov. 12, 2025 7:00-7:30 PT. For more information contact Allan Rolf, 308-223-0477 to get pre-registered.

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.

SH First Fruits program is an annual gift to the church during harvest time. First fruits program helps us realize that everything good we have comes from God. Whenever you decide to make a first fruit offering to Sacred Heart, please mark it as 'First Fruits'. Thank you.

	SA HAPPENINGS
Mon Oct 20	
Tue Oct 21	Criminal Justice in Action Day at GI CCC; 5:00 HS Charger FR&JV&V VB vs. Wisner-Pilger at CR
Wed Oct 22	Feast of St. John Paul II; B&I Day at Boone Co. Fairgrounds (Grades 10 & 11); 1:00 Senior Signing Day (12); 3:30-5:30 Lego League; 6:30 Education Quest FASFA Webinar
Thu Oct 23	7:45– 8:15 a.m. Flu Shots by Spalding Pharmacy; Grades PK-12 Prayer/Adoration; Football Playoffs
Fri Oct 24	8:00-2:00 Parent -Teacher Conferences; No School; State XC at Kearney

SM/St. Anne

October Church Cleaning: Joy B Prefect: Wendy Carlin

Rotation: Faith, Hope, Joy

October Men's Club Team #2: Gary Langer

LUCKY DAY CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNER

Our Sunday, October 19th winner of \$200 is Adam Glaser.

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Knights of Columbus #1312
will be holding a family prayer
night in the SH church, Sunday,
October 26, 5:30 PM.
Everyone is encouraged to
attend. The Knights will also be
serving pizza in the church
basement afterwards.

SM Fall Drive is our annual fund drive this time of year to cover the operations of the church. Parishioners are asked to give a yearly gift in addition to their weekly/monthly support. It is part of a sustained effort to cultivate a loyal donor base. It is crucial for non profits to provide a stable revenue stream for long term planning. The blue envelopes can be used or simply write St. Michael's Fall Drive on your envelope. Thank you.

CHURCH ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS
may be sent to the office weekly or monthly. St. Michael's & St. Theresa's may be sent to PO Box 310, Spalding. Sacred Heart may be sent to PO Box 99, Greeley. Automatic withdrawal (ACH) from your bank account can be set up for SM, ST, or SH. Contact the parish for details.

To donate thru WeShare go to: families-inafaith.com and click on WeShare.



- **Our Lady of Spalding Court**
- **#2099** is celebrating CDA Sunday
- by participating in the ministries on
- October 25. Members will also be
- handing out cards with a
- prayer against pornography.
- Interested in learning more about
- Catholic Daughters or joining ?
- Please contact Sharon Seamann.

CDA Court #2099 of Spalding has cookbooks for sale. This is a reprint of the original **"What's Cookin' in Spalding"**. Cost is \$20.00 each. Need a good gift idea? Please contact Sharon Roach 402-730-7034 or Sharon Seamann 308-750-4667 to purchase.

**St. Michael's Fall Auction is Sunday, November 9th.
This is our 44th Annual Fall Auction!**

This year for time efficiency & new streamlining, All Live Auction items (individual or basket) must have minimum bid of \$100.00 value. Some exceptions may apply (ex: toys). Multiple items less than \$100.00 will be arranged into a silent auction basket. Any questions, please contact Stacey Bauer, Denise Spelic or Ashley Kaiser.

We are in need of Gift Cards this year for our Silent Auction Gift Card table. This is an opportunity to remember *Script gift cards* which can be purchased at the school office or church office. If you have LARGE baskets, fancy totes or large unique containers for organizing gifts, please drop off at Parish Office.

St. Michael Parishioners, please watch for your envelope of raffle tickets coming in the mail. We ask for your help in spreading the word and making our raffle and auction a success!

Celebrating St. Michael's 44th Annual Fall Auction
Spalding – Parish Center, Sunday, November 9, 2025

Mass 11:00am

Roast Beef Dinner 11:30-1:00 – Carry outs Available

Bake Sale ~ Confectionery Corner ~ Silent Auction

Red Solo Cup Game & Let's Make a Deal are back!

Come see the *Carhart Coverup* this year!

Live Auction starts at 1:00pm

Raffle Prizes:

*** JD Zero Turn Lawn Mower with bag**

***\$200 Scrip Gift Card of your choice**

***Apple iPad, 11 inch**

Contact St. Michael's Church office
for Raffle Tickets or to drop off donations.

Donation examples: new gift items, gift cards, farm/ranch items, or cash for our committee to purchase a gift item are accepted.

We truly thank you for all your support!

SM, SH, ST TRAVELING CRUCIFIX FOR VOCATIONS

Please consider signing up for one week and pray for vocations with your family. Help us build the culture of vocations through the grace of daily prayer. Your prayers will make a difference.

St Annes Fall Auction Duties

Saturday am-Joy A
Cook-Trust B
Serve-Trust A
Serve- Peace B
Clean up- Peace A
Bake Sale-Joy B

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Join us for St. Michael's

Fall Auction & Roast Beef dinner

Sunday—Nov. 9th

Spalding—Parish Center.

This year something

NEW

Meal Ticket Drawing

**For every meal purchased,
your name will be entered into a
\$200 Cash Drawing.**

*******Must be present to win! *******

